

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 94-054-C - ORDER NO. 94-422 *jc*
MAY 5, 1994

IN RE: Application of Savannah Cellular) ORDER GRANTING
Limited Partnership for a Certificate) EXTENSION OF
of Public Convenience and Necessity.) SERVICE AREA

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an application of Savannah Cellular Limited Partnership (the Applicant) requesting approval of a temporary extension of its service area into South Carolina RSA No. 8. By Order No. 94-211 in Docket No. 92-053-C (March 23, 1992), the Applicant was authorized to provide cellular telecommunications service to a portion of RSA No. 8. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has now granted the Applicant interim authority to extend its service within South Carolina RSA No. 8. The Applicant asserts that the FCC's approval was based on the fact that there is currently no non-wireline carrier licensed to provide service in RSA No. 8 and that the Applicant can extend its service into the RSA with a minimum of expense. The Applicant states that the FCC's interim authority will expire when a non-wireline carrier is licensed for RSA No. 8.

The Company's January 27, 1994 application was filed pursuant to S.C. CODE ANN. §58-11-100 (1976), as amended, and/or R.103-821 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. By letter

dated February 18, 1994, the Commission's Executive Director instructed the Applicant to publish a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas, one time, and to provide the Commission's Executive Director with proof of publication on or before March 18, 1994. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the application and advised all interested parties desiring participation in the scheduled proceeding of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings. The Applicant filed the proper Affidavits of Publication. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were received with regard to this filing.

Based on the Application, the public records on file with the Commission, and the verified testimony of the Applicant's witness, the Commission makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Applicant is a Georgia limited partnership of which GTE Corporation, through a chain of subsidiaries, is the 99% owner and general partner.
2. The Applicant is the holder of the non-wireline cellular license for the Savannah Metropolitan Statistical Area and has interim authority from the FCC and this Commission to provide cellular service in parts of Jasper and Beaufort Counties which are part of RSA No. 8.
3. Currently, there is no licensed non-wireline cellular provider for South Carolina RSA No. 8. The Applicant has, therefore, applied to the Federal Communications Commission and

been granted interim authority to extend its cellular operations throughout South Carolina RSA No. 8. The extension of service being proposed involves the construction of one additional cell site in RSA No. 8.

4. Applicant seeks the authority from this Commission to operate on an interim basis throughout RSA No. 8.

5. Applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide the services for which authority is sought. At December 31, 1993, the parent of the general partner, GTE, had intrastate operating revenues of approximately \$85 million. GTE has substantial cellular operations with an excess of 650,000 cellular customers.

6. The authority sought by this application is interim authority only and will expire when the FCC terminates the interim authority granted.

7. The request of the Applicant to extend its interim authority throughout RSA No. 8 should be granted.

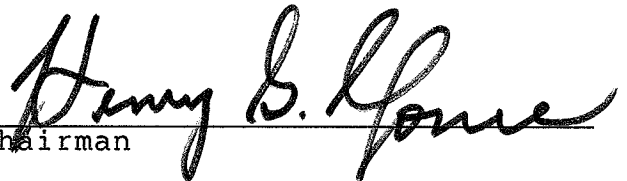
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application of Savannah Cellular Limited Partnership to provide domestic public cellular radio telecommunications service throughout RSA No. 8 on an interim basis is hereby granted.

2. The interim authority granted herein shall expire when the FCC terminates the interim authority that it granted to the Applicant in this case.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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